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SUBJECT: GREEK DCM'S CALL ON EUR/SE DIRECTOR, EAGLETON

REF: ATHENS 409

1. EUR/SE DIRECTOR EAGLETON CALLED IN GREEK DCM NOMIKOS
JANUARY 26 TO FOLLOW UP ON AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S DEMARCHE
ON OLYMPIC PURCHASE OF NEW AIRCRAFT.

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2. NOMIKOS BEGAN BY EXPRESSING CONCERN OVER LATEST TURKISH

POSITION ON CYPRUS INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS: NAMELY, THAT THERE SHOULD ONLY BE A BRIEF NON-SUBSTANTIVE OPENING SESSION IN VIENNA FOLLOWED BY SUBCOMMITTEE SESSIONS ON SUBSTANCE IN NICOSIA. NOMIKOS CHARACTERIZED THIS TURKISH POSITION AS AN EFFORT TO SABOTAGE THE VIENNA TALKS IN ADVANCE AND AS A MODIFICATION OF THE DECEMBER 12 BRUSSELS AGREEMENT.

3. EAGLETON ADMITTED TURKISH POSITION WAS UNHELPFUL AT THIS TIME, BUT HE EXPRESSED VIEW, BASED ON OUR DISCUSSION WITH TURKS, THAT THE LATTER WISHED TO GET A SERIOUS NEGOTIATION UNDERWAY BUT COULD ADDRESS THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE ONLY IF A TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE WERE PRESENT AS WOULD BE POSSIBLE IN SUBCOMMITTEES.

4. EAGLETON THEN REFERRED TO AMBASSADOR KUBISCH'S DEMARCHE TO COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS RE UPCOMING GREEK GOVERNMENT DECISION ON THE PURCHASE OF NEW TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT FOR OLYMPIC. EAGLETON NOTED THAT A GREEK NEWSPAPER HAD ACCUSED THE BRITISH OF PRESSURE TACTICS IN THE COMPETITION TO SUPPLY OLYMPIC WITH NEW AIRCRAFT. HE ASSURED NOMIKOS THAT, WHILE WANTING TO AVOID ANY INFERENCE OF PRESSURE, WE WISHED TO REITERATE OUR HOPE THAT THE GREEK GOVERNMENT WILL MAKE ITS DECISION ON TECHNICAL RATHER THAN POLITICAL GROUNDS. EAGLETON ALSO NOTED THAT, OUT OF A DESIRE TO DEMONSTRATE GREATER US ECONOMIC SUPPORT FOR GREECE, THE DEPARTMENT HAD ASKED THE WORLD BANK, EXIM BANK AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO BE GENEROUS IN PROVIDING ASSISTANCE. THE EXIM BANK'S LIBERAL TERMS FOR OLYMPIC'S PURCHASE OF U.S. JET AIRCRAFT WAS AN EXAMPLE OF THAT AGENCY'S RESPONSIVENESS AND WAS CONSISTENT WITH OUR DESIRE TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO GREECE.

5. NOMIKOS SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT AND WOULD REPORT THIS CONVERSATION TO ATHENS.

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